

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: PINT NP  
SUBJ: B.P. KOIRALA ARREST

REF: KATHMANDU 5312 1976

1. THERE ARE TWO STORIES CURRENT IN KATHMANDU REGARDING THE  
ARREST OF B.P. KOIRALA AND GANESH MAN SINGH DECEMBER 30.  
ACCORDING TO ONE VERSION THEY WERE TAKEN TO POKHARA FOR A  
MEETING WITH THE KING. THE MORE LIKELY VERSION, HOWEVER, IS  
THAT BOTH ARE BEING HELD UNDER CONFINEMENT IN A LOCAL KATHMANDU  
PRISON.  
THE KATHMANDU PAPERS DECEMBER 31 BACKPAGED A BRIEF  
REPORT THAT KOIRALA, SINGH AND SOME OF THEIR FOLLOWERS'  
HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR NECESSARY ACTION.

2. ON JANUARY 1 PRIME MINISTER TULSI GIRI LAUNCHED AN INDIRECT  
ATTACK ON KOIRALA, SAYING THAT NEPAL'S SAFETY COULD NEVER  
BE ASSURED BY THOSE WHO ACTED OUT OF SELF INTEREST, SINCE SUCH  
PERSONS WOULD WILLINGLY SELL THEIR COUNTRY TO FOREIGN INTERESTS  
IF IT SUITED THEIR POLITICAL PURPOSES. GIRI ALSO IS REPORTED  
TO HAVE 'DENOUNCED THOSE WHO SAY THAT NEPAL IS IN JEOPARDY'.  
WE ASSUME PRESS AGENCY THAT A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE PALACE  
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AND THE NEPALI CONGRESS LEADERSHIP IS STILL A LONG WAY FROM  
FRUITION.

3. KOIRALA'S RETURN DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE RESULTED IN ANY  
WIDESPREAD REACTION, FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE. ALTHOUGH WE  
HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN WITH CONGRESS PARTY SUPPORTERS, THE BULK  
OF THE KATHMANDU INTELLIGENCE APPEARS TO BE RATHER BIASED

ABOUT THE KOIRALA EPISODE TO DATE.  
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